

Amendments to the Specification

Kindly amend paragraph 1 as follows:

The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/470,680 filed on May 15, 2003 ~~2004~~, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Kindly amend paragraph 25 as follows:

FIG. 3 shows a result of inserting data in bulk when using prior art Generalized Bulk Insertion.

Kindly amend paragraph 26 as follows:

FIG. 3 shows ~~an R-Tree index corresponding to the result shown in FIG. 3 a R-Tree corresponding the result of inserting data in bulk when using prior art Generalized Bulk Insertion.~~